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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Sir:

Michael W. Allman and Eduardo Lauer, Applicants in the above-identified application declare that the subject matter of the amendment dated December 8, 2003 and the Examiner's Amendment mailed January 20, 2004 was part of our invention, was invented before we filed our original application, above identified, for such invention; that we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year before our application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year before the date of our application, that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's


certificate issued before the date of this application in any foreign country on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns or more than twelve months prior to our application in the United States, and has not been abandoned, that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as amended by the amendments referred to above, that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).

The undersigned petitioners declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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